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Applicant(s): Benson et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
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For: CRYSTALLIZATION AND STRUCTURE DETERMINATION OF  
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS NAD SYNTHETASE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from December 23, 2003 to January 23, 2004.

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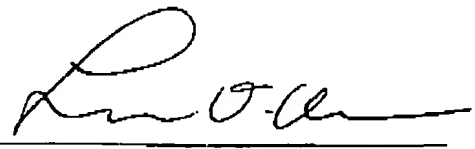
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